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1. CHARGE AND AID AFFAIRS OFFICER CALLED ON MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE DR. ALOYSIUS JACKSON TO REVIEW CONTENTS OF REFTTEL A AND TO LEAVE SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS. THE MINISTER AND HIS CHIEF AGRICULTURALIST, DR. A. R. SIAFFA, LISTENED TO THE EXPOSITION WITH GREAT INTEREST. AT THE CONCLUSION, DR. JACKSON PRAISED USG ASSISTANCE TO AGRICULTURE IN SIERRA LEONE, PARTICULARLY PEACE CORPS EFFORTS TO INCREASE SWAMP RICE PRODUCTION. DR. DIAFFA ALSO PRAISED AID'S ASSISTANCE TO WARDA AND SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO THE EARLY INAUGURATION OF THE ADAPTIVE CROP RESEARCH AND EXTENSION (ACRE) PROJECT.

2. DR. JACKSON THANKED THE USG FOR BRINGING THE RESULTS OF THE STUDIES TO HIS ATTENTION, POINTING OUT THAT SINCE HIS RECENT APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER, HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO FULLY ABSORB ALL THE PROGRAMS AND PLANS OF THE MINISTRY. DR. SIAFFA, A PROFESSIONAL AGRICULTURALIST, MORE QUICKLY GRASPED THE FULL IMPLICATIONS OF THE DEMARCH AND URGED THE MINISTER TO INSTITUTE APPROPRIATE MEASURES QUICKLY SINCE "1985 IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER." DR. JACKSON PROMISED TO CONVENE A MEETING

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WITH THE EMBASSY AND OTHER CONCERNED MINISTRIES TO EXPLORE IN DETAIL THE ACTIONS AND PROGRAMS THAT COULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOSL IN BOTH INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION AND REGULATING POPULATION GROWTH.
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